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United States Patent No. 5,542,462 to Elsenheimer et al.  
United States Patent No. 5,553,653 to Rozon  
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United States Patent No. 5,722,478 to Claypool et al.  
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United States Patent No. 6,431,248 to Hyman et al.  
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